

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A the washing machine control method employs a temperature sensor and a variable-speed motor. The water temperature of the final draining is sensed and compared to a predetermined temperature. Dewatering is performed at a reduce speed if the sensed  
5 temperature exceeds the predetermined temperature but is otherwise performed at the normal speed, thereby preventing the degradation of a washing machine using hot water for rinsing. The washing machine control method includes steps of supplying water to a tub for performing a final operational step; draining the water from the tub; sensing the temperature of the drained water; and controlling a dewatering speed according to the sensed water  
10 temperature.